

# UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

*We designed this information sheet to provide you with basic knowledge about how the Montana property tax system works. We encourage you to contact your local Department of Revenue office if you need additional information or have questions.*

## Services Funded by Your Property Tax Dollars

Schools and many other services are funded by your property tax dollars. The pie chart below displays basic areas where your property tax dollars are used. On average, 83 percent of property taxes directly finance local government services and schools. The rest, 17 percent, go to the state mostly to equalize the funding of schools across the state with a small portion going to the Montana university system.

Tax Year 2008  
Property Taxes Levied as a Percentage of Total Statewide Collections by Levy Type

